

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SILENA WASHINGTON,

Defendant.

Case No. 20-CR-32-2-JPS

**ORDER**

On February 11, 2020, the grand jury returned an indictment, in which it charged Defendant with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C) and 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 924(c)(1)(A)(i). (Docket #1). On September 11, 2020, the government also charged Defendant, by way of a one-count information, with the knowing possession of a mixture and substance containing a controlled substance in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 844(a). (Docket #25). On September 11, 2020, the parties entered into a plea agreement as to the Count One of the Information. (Docket #26). Thus, Defendant has waived her right to prosecution by indictment with regard to Count One of the Information.

The parties appeared before Magistrate Judge William E. Duffin on September 30, 2020 to conduct a plea colloquy pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. (Docket #29). Defendant entered a plea of guilty as to Count One of the Information. (*Id.*) After cautioning and examining Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, Magistrate Judge Duffin determined that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary, and that the offense charged was supported by an

independent factual basis containing each of the essential elements of the offense. (Docket #30).

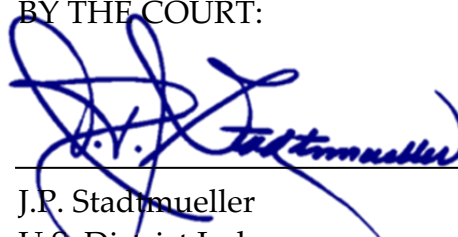
On September 30, 2020, Magistrate Judge Duffin filed a Report and Recommendation with this Court, recommending that: (1) Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted, (2) a pre-sentence investigation be conducted and report prepared, and (3) Defendant be adjudged guilty, and sentence be imposed accordingly. (*Id.* at 2). Pursuant to General Local Rule 72(c), 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 59(b), the parties were advised that written objections to that recommendation, or any part thereof, could be filed within fourteen days of the date of service of the recommendation. (*Id.*) To date, no party has filed such an objection. The Court has considered Magistrate Judge Duffin's recommendation and, having received no objection thereto, will adopt it.

Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge William E. Duffin's Report and Recommendation (Docket #30) be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 10th day of November, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



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J.P. Stadtmueller  
U.S. District Judge